

**Weather:**

Cloudy and cold today with a 40 percent chance of showers. Northeast winds 5-15 mph with a high of 43. Cloudy tonight, low of 40. Continued cloudy on Friday with a 30 percent chance of showers, high of 53.

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## Few minorities in faculty ranks

Recruiting efforts said to be effective

By Linda Hartmann  
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UNL needs more minority faculty members and efforts are being made to attract and retain more minority professors, university officials say.

But two minority faculty members say more could be done to bring minority faculty members to UNL.

Three black, eight Hispanic, three Native American, 56 Asian and 1,062 white faculty members are employed at UNL.

Robert Furgason, UNL vice chancellor of academic affairs, said he is committed to increasing the number of minority professors.

Martin Bradley Munn, UNL affirmative action director, agreed that minorities are under-represented in the faculty. But he said few minority professors with doctoral degrees are available in some fields, especially science and mathematics. He said the availability of minority professors affects UNL hiring practices.

Furgason said competition is a problem when UNL college deans want to hire minority faculty. A recent article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reviewed this problem as it affects administrators at the University of Michigan. The problems are even worse for smaller schools like UNL, he said.

"But that doesn't mean you give up," he said.

Jessie Myles, sociology assistant professor, said he doesn't think some UNL administrators are committed to bringing in or retaining more minority faculty members. Myles said a hiring system based on the availability of minority applicants is not productive.

"This shouldn't be used as a justification or excuse for the handful of minority professors at this university," Myles said.

Oyekan Owomoyela, English professor, said UNL administrators' efforts to hire minority professors are not very credible. He said UNL does not have a good record of retaining the minority professors that teach here.

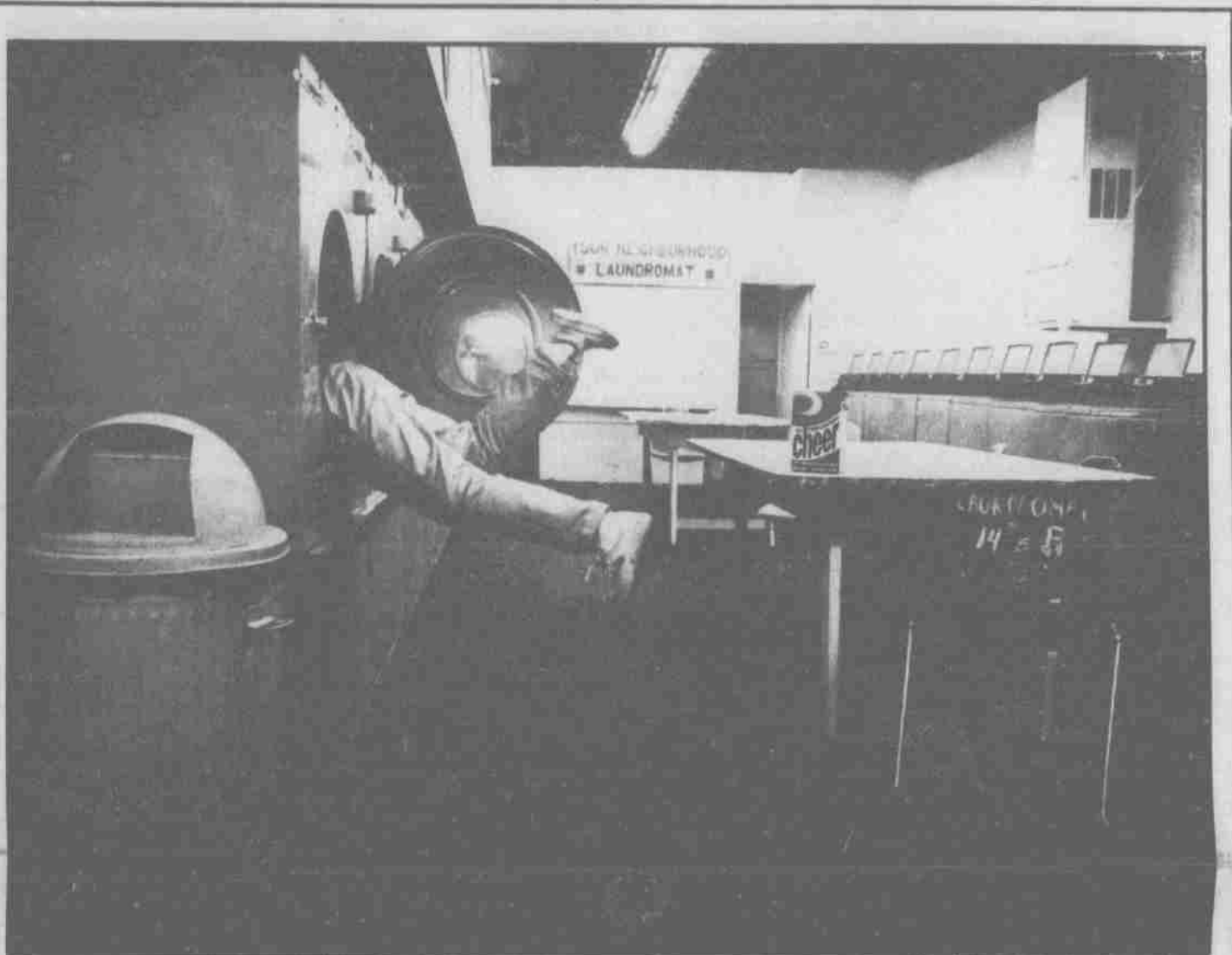
Myles said the administration needs to set up a resume bank of minority professors instead of relying on information that says there are few minority professors available.

Munn said studies show that resume banks are not successful in helping schools find more minority candidates to hire. He said many schools still compete for the few minority professors available.

Myles and Owomoyela said UNL should establish better relations with schools graduating minority teachers.

Furgason said ads are placed at schools with many minority graduates. He expressed interest in bringing more prospective minority candidates to visit UNL but said such active recruiting

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## Students face 'Bold' journey to area laundromats 'Solo'

By Linda Hartman  
Staff Reporter

It's a common scene for students. The closet is open and there's nothing clean to wear. That's when the laundry adventure begins.

"It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it," said sophomore Maria Jackson.

Some people may be lucky enough to enlist the services of roommates or friends to handle their laundry, but most students must approach the washing machine alone, armed only with a box of detergent.

A laundry attendant at the Apple Highlander Center, 3230 Apple St., said the average woman has more problems washing clothes at the beginning of the school year than the average man.

"Maybe boys just don't care enough to ask questions," he said.

Yet the old scenario of a patient college woman revealing the mystery of sorting laundry to the bewildered college man still exists.

"Some guy once asked me how to fold T-shirts," said junior Lisa Jacobsen.

Most washers on campus cost 60 cents and dryers cost 25 cents a load. Local laundromats usually charge 75 cents to wash and 50 cents to dry. Many local laundries stay open until 10 p.m. daily.

And for those who can't endure the adventure — the quarter-gobbling dryers that leave jeans damp, the sound of static cling — there is a last resort.

Geneva Wehrli of Indian Village Laundromat, 3229 S. 13th St., said that for \$3.50 a load, attendants will do the wash. Even at that price, she said, it's an offer some students can't refuse.

Most students have learned, sometimes the hard way, that red sweatshirts cannot be washed with white towels. Yet some, like Pete Hayes, get the most out of their money by stuffing everything in one load.

Others have become laundry experts. Jim Taylor follows the "all-temperature-Cheer" method — washing colors in cold, whites in hot and blends in warm water. Patty Wit pointed out that over-full washers don't allow the soap to rinse out.

Some students avoid laundry duty as long as possible. Jacobsen said she waits two weeks between loads if she has enough underwear. Hayes said he waits "until every article of clothing is dirty."

Finding the best laundry time is important. Jacobsen said she finds laundry facilities vacant at 9:30 a.m. Hayes doesn't have much trouble getting an open washer at 3:30 a.m. either.

## Regents to wait on cuts

From Staff Reports

The NU Board of Regents prefers to wait until Gov. Bob Kerrey calls a special Legislative session before it recommends cuts in this year's NU budget, ASUN President Gerard Keating said Wednesday.

Kerrey said at his Wednesday news conference he is "100 percent certain" a special session will be called to bring the state's budget into line with decreasing revenues. But he said the timing of the session depends on how soon he hears what state senators recommend for the session's agenda.

Keating said the regents will not make specific recommendations on

budget cuts now because they want to see what Kerrey has in mind. Kerrey has asked state agencies, including NU, and local governments, to voluntarily trim 1.5 percent from their budgets to help the state save money.

"It's a general feeling (among the regents) there will be a special session," Keating said. "It's premature to talk cuts until then."

Kerrey said he would rather solve the state's budget problems by cutting spending than by raising state taxes. Nebraska faces a revenue shortfall of between \$13 million and \$40 million this fiscal year, said Budget Director Larry Bare in Tuesday's edition of *The Lincoln Star*.

## Computer center sales low, but official optimistic

By Jody Beem and Deb Hooker  
Staff Reporters

One doesn't need a computer to total up the number of computer systems sold so far this semester at the University Bookstore's computer center. Two fingers are all that's needed.

But despite the fact that only two have been sold, computer center technology specialist Bill Martin says he's optimistic about the sales potential of the new location.

"A lot of students didn't know we existed (when located in the 501 Build-

ing)," Martin said. "This location (in the bookstore) heightened our visibility. It's in a central part of campus instead of being out in Colorado somewhere."

One major stumbling block to the store's sales might be that students often times can't afford to buy computers, said Gary Meyer, another technology specialist at the center. The store, however, is looking into ways to make the cost more bearable.

Meyer said the bookstore's computer section isn't meant to compete with other Lincoln computer stores. He said

the center is constrained by UNL policy and can sell computers and supplies only to full-time students, faculty and staff members.

"The idea here is not to make a profit," he said.

"We are not here as a retail store," he said. "We are here to provide a service to the students."

The goal of the center is to break even as soon as possible, Meyer said. However, he declined to comment on whether he expects the center to reach that goal.

Informing students about the com-

puter center also is limited by UNL policy, Meyer said. The center only can send flyers to students and staff members and advertise in the *Daily Nebraskan*, he said.

The UNL business technology department, which is responsible for the computer section, has sold computers for several years, said Bill Martin, another office technology specialist. Its main clientele includes university departments and offices, he said.

The IBM PC is the department's most popular computer, Meyer said. This system, which costs about \$2,500

at the bookstore, is compatible with the university's computer system.

Meyer said the store now is considering buying about 408 IBM portables. These computers can do almost everything that the IBM PC can do, he said, and would cost much less. Meyer said the IBM portable would cost the university about \$1,150 each. However, feedback from students and faculty members is sought before the university invests in the portables, he said.

The center would sell the portables for about \$1,250 each, Meyer said. The extra \$100 would be used to help with the costs of the computer center.